

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A powder of reversed vesicles, ~~which comprises~~ comprising one or more non-ionic surfactants, whereby when the powder is dispersed in a biodegradable oil the percent yield of reversed vesicles is greater than when the same amount of reversed vesicles is prepared directly in the biodegradable oil.
2. (Previously amended) A powder according to claim 1, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a derivative of a pentose or a hexose, or an oligomer thereof.
3. (Previously amended) A powder according to claim 2, wherein the derivative of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof is a fatty acid ester.
4. (Previously amended) A powder according to claim 3, wherein the fatty acid ester of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof consists of a mono-ester of at least 50 wt% of the surfactant.
5. (Previously amended) A powder according to claim 4, wherein the mono-ester is present in at least 70 wt% of the surfactant.
6. (Previously amended) A powder according to claim 1, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a fatty acid ester of sucrose.
7. (Previously amended) A powder according to, claim 1, wherein the vesicles further contain a lipophilic stabilizing factor.
8. (Previously amended) A powder according to claim 1, wherein the vesicles encapsulate a bio-active compound.
9. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of ~~the a powder according to claim 1 comprising one or more non-ionic surfactants,~~ which process comprises making a dispersion of reversed vesicles from one or more non-ionic surfactants and optionally both a

lipophilic stabilizing factor and a bioactive agent in an apolar vehicle, and subsequently removing the apolar vehicle.

10. (Previously amended) The process according to claim 9, wherein the apolar vehicle is removed by evaporation.
11. (Previously amended) The process according to claim 10, wherein the apolar vehicle is a volatile compound.
12. (Previously amended) The process according to claim 11, wherein the volatile compound is selected from the group consisting of silicone oils, isoparaffins and (C1-C4)alkyl alkanoates.
13. (Previously amended) The process according to claim 9, wherein a hydrophilic stabilizing factor in an amount of up to 15 wt% of the surfactant is added during the preparation of the dispersion of reversed vesicles.
14. (Previously amended) The process according to claim 13, wherein the hydrophilic stabilizing factor is added in an amount of between 5 and 10 wt% of the surfactant.
15. (Previously amended) The process according to claim 14, wherein the hydrophilic stabilizing factor is water.
16. (Previously amended) A composition comprising a powder according to any one of claims 1-8.
17. (Previously amended) A process for the preparation of a dispersion of reversed vesicles in a biodegradable oil, wherein the powder according to any one of claims 1-8 is dispersed in the biodegradable oil.
18. (Canceled) A composition comprising a powder obtained by the process according to any one of claims 9-15.
19. (Previously added) A process for the preparation of a dispersion of reversed vesicles in a biodegradable oil, wherein the product obtained from the process according to any one of claims 9-15 is dispersed in the biodegradable oil.

20. (New) A powder of reversed vesicles comprising one or more non-ionic surfactants produced by the process according to claim 9, whereby the reversed vesicles of the powder have the same vesicular structure as in the apolar vehicle in which they were formed, and which powder of reversed vesicles can be dispersed in a polar vehicle or in the same apolar vehicle or different apolar vehicle.
21. (New) A powder according to claim 20, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a derivative of a pentose or a hexose, or an oligomer thereof.
22. (New) A powder according to claim 21, wherein the derivative of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof is a fatty acid ester.
23. (New) A powder according to claim 22, wherein the fatty acid ester of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof consists of a mono-ester of at least 50 wt% of the surfactant.
24. (New) A powder according to claim 23, wherein the mono-ester is present in at least 70 wt% of the surfactant.
25. (New) A powder according to claim 20, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a fatty acid ester of sucrose.
26. (New) A powder according to, claim 20, wherein the vesicles further contain a lipophilic stabilizing factor.
27. (New) A powder according to claim 20, wherein the vesicles encapsulate a bio-active compound.
28. (New) A powder of reversed vesicles comprising one or more non-ionic surfactants, whereby the reversed vesicles of the powder can be dispersed in a polar vehicle or in the same apolar vehicle or different apolar vehicle.
29. (New) A powder according to claim 28, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a derivative of a pentose or a hexose, or an oligomer thereof.

30. (New) A powder according to claim 29, wherein the derivative of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof is a fatty acid ester.
31. (New) A powder according to claim 30, wherein the fatty acid ester of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof consists of a mono-ester of at least 50 wt% of the surfactant.
32. (New) A powder according to claim 31, wherein the mono-ester is present in at least 70 wt% of the surfactant.
33. (New) A powder according to claim 28, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a fatty acid ester of sucrose.
34. (New) A powder according to, claim 28, wherein the vesicles further contain a lipophilic stabilizing factor.
35. (New) A powder according to claim 28, wherein the vesicles encapsulate a bio-active compound.
36. (New) A composition comprising the powder according to any one of claims 20-27.
37. (New) A composition comprising the powder according to any one of claims 28-35.
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